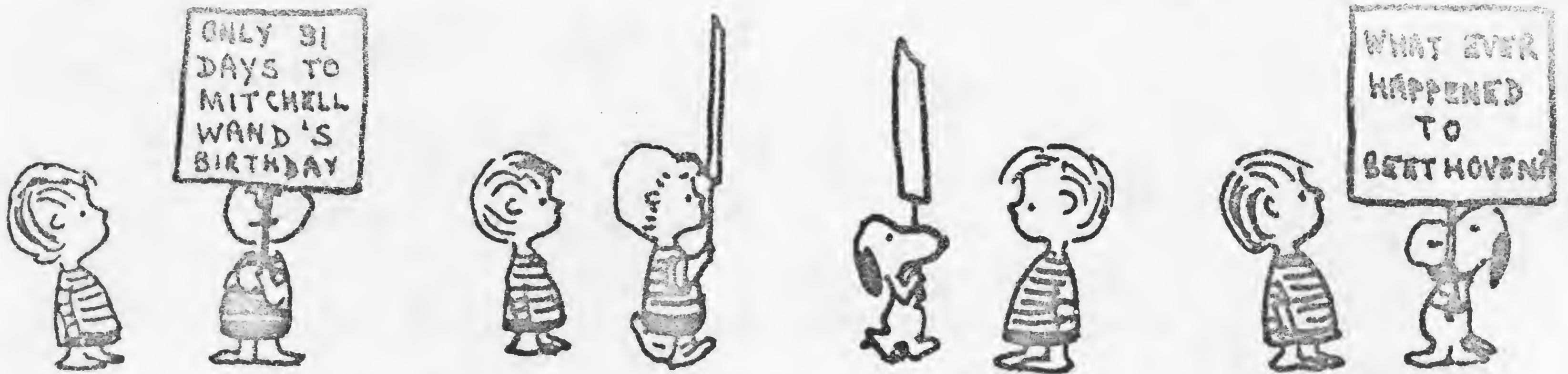


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# WAND DRAFTED

WASHINGTON -A recent news bulletin has released the name of Mitchell Wand as among those due for conscription later this year.

Wand is well known throughout the Winking world not only for his brilliant organisational ability but also for his performance on the mat itself. As Secretary General of the North American Tiddlywinks Association for the past three years he has reorganised it beyond all recognition and while based at MIT created a top-level club which since then has been known as the "Pot 'n' Squop Centre

of North America".

In his home town of Waltham, Massachusetts, Wand granted NEWSWINK the following exclusive interview:

NEWSWINK: Is it true that after much wrangling with the Selective Servitude Service, it became clear that you were going to be drafted, so you found yourself a spot in the so-called "six month program"?

WAND: Yes.

N.W.: Can we assume that this means you will be going on active duty for about four months during the coming year?

WAND: Yes.

N.W.: As per norm have

they refused to commit themselves to dates?

WAND: Yes.

N.W.: Won't it likely be November through mid-March?

WAND: Yes.

N.W.: So it must look  
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**POSITION  
VACANT**

casual labour

November--mid March  
1970 1971

ACTING  
SECRETARY GENERAL  
of  
NATWA



# editorial

## PRECURSOR

I have just been reading the latest WINKING WORLD and although I found it a little hard to digest, as usual, it made me realize that a periodical of this type can function in much the same way as the mass communications media, only on a smaller scale and, consequently, more efficiently. WW-17 discusses such topics as the image of the game of Winks, the present organisation of Tiddlywinks Associations, and the direction in which they and their members are headed. It also touches upon the possibility and format of singles matches and criticizes the present scoring system.

We feel that NEWSWINK could very well follow this example, much to the benefit of its readers, and of NATWA as a whole. In this issue, we shall touch upon several speculations about the future of NATWA and the game of Winks in general. We expect that all those members who are not totally apathetic will write to the editors on these matters, whether it be criticism or support. We hope that a good number of other issues will be raised as well.

The next issue of NEWSWINK (around Christmastime) will be largely devoted to "Letters to the Editor", where everyone who has not previously had the opportunity will be able to air their views. By the time the 1971 Continentals are to be played, everyone should have had sufficient time to come to their own conclusions on the topics discussed, and we hope that, as a result, the annual Congress will be more productive than ever before.

## STIMULANT

Can you count the number of times YOU have spoken to an unconverted heathen about the game of Winks? And would you not agree that the overwhelming majority of responses are a combination of laughter (or at least a smirk) and comments akin to: "I haven't played Tiddlywinks since I was a child" ? And do you not agree that the uninitiated have a poor opinion of the game because it is known as a child's pastime, one of the most primitive of children's games, and graded just a trifle below the game of "Jacks" ? And is it not true that it is extremely difficult to persuade the ignorant masses to partake in that first enlightening game (leaving nothing more to be done to addict the person concerned) ? And what are YOU going to do about it!?!?

Perhaps we could begin by changing the name of the game to "Winks" (officially) thereby distinguishing it from the nursery pastime, and making more credible the statement that Winks is not the game with which they are familiar, but rather one which is far more sophisticated and which involves strategies similar to those encountered in Chess in their level of complexity.

The changing of its name would considerably aid the popularization of the game on a personal level, but perhaps a promotional programme could be initiated which would familiarize the public with the game on a larger scale!



# COMPROMISE

It may be that we should concern ourselves more with internal matters, such as the organisation of NATWA, or perhaps a re-assessment of the scoring system both for tournaments and for individual games, and whether or not the latter should be assessed in collaboration with the Winks associations in the British Isles.

One member of IrTWA has proposed that, rather than allowing a total of 7 points for each game, the score should be calculated on the basis of 3 points for winks in the pot, and one point for each wink left uncovered, resulting in totals of scores which range from one to 63. Preliminary tests are reported to have demonstrated that the system is a highly practicable one.

back on this side of the ocean, it has crossed our minds that the political organisation of NATWA is not all it should be. The editors feel that a distribution of official functions within our Association might be beneficial in a number of ways. The appointment of members of various teams to Treasurer, Public Relations Man (or Woman for our Lib. readers), Regional Tournament

Organisers, etc., would lighten the burden of the Secretary allowing him to devote his time to correspondence and official business on the Continental level and, at the same time, allowing the other jobs to be performed more efficiently. It would increase communication within NATWA, and would create a greater feeling of involvement on the part of teams which are at present geographically dissociated from the two existing centres of political activity, i.e., MIT and Cornell.

## LAST GASP

The editors encourage all members who have opinions on any or all of the abovementioned topics (or any other idea that may be brewing in the back of your minds) to take a few minutes to write a "Letter to the Editor". We shall publish as many as possible in the next issue of NEWSWINK.

Andy Tomaszewski

\*\*\* NOTE \*\*\*

Please address all "Letters to the Editor" to:

NEWSWINK  
155 Parkdale Ave., #2  
Ottawa 3, Ontario,  
Canada

# Letters to the editor

Dear Ed:

Your last NEWSWINK was really good.

My team's name is HYTHNLBTWOC (pronounced hith-nil-bit-wock), or "Hark Yon Tree Has No Leaves But They Will Out".

It is not that I like Frisbee more than Tiddlywinks, its just that my team was so much better at it than Winks.

Dear Editor:

(Severin opens his letter by describing a mystical incident which occurred on the weekend of the Pairs Tournament in Ithaca. The story is related in the Comics section of this issue.)

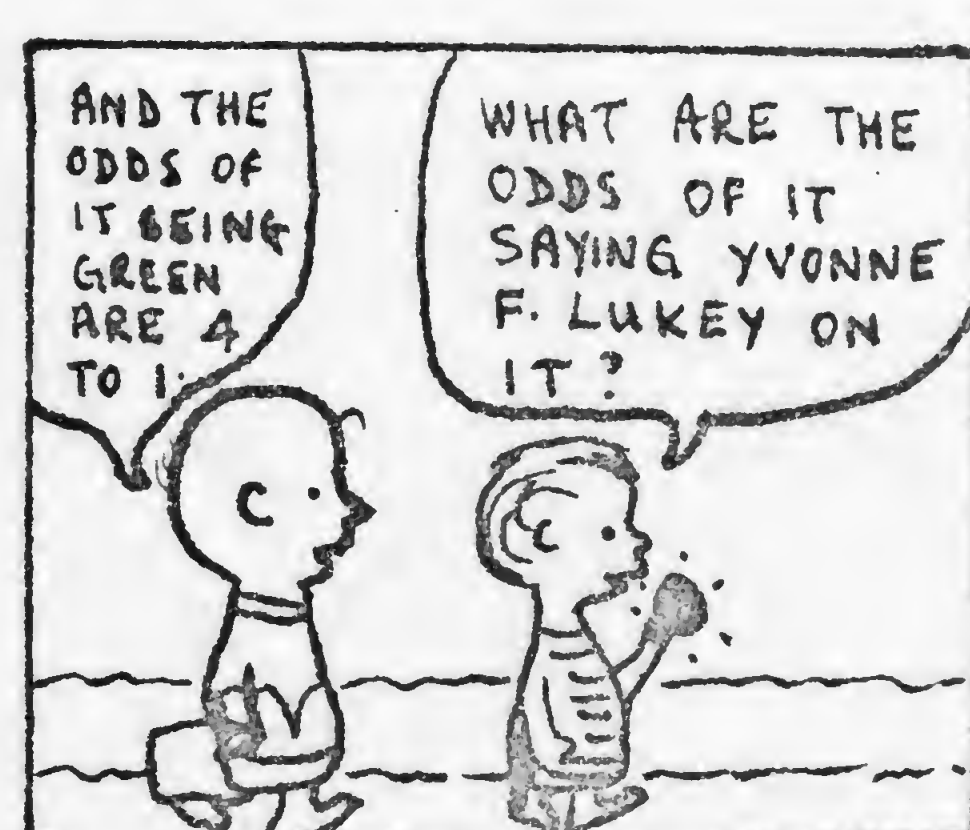
.... Meanwhile, it's looking less and less likely that I'll be in Ithaca next year. Just where I'll be is still wide open, depending on where I can find a good place to teach. I might end up in Georgia(!), Virginia, Michigan, Maine, Lower New York State, Philadelphia, or the Boston area. As far as Winks goes, Georgia would be almost exile: I'd have to start two teams, and any action there would have to be a separate NATWA. Other areas I'd be able to start a team and have

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# The Green Squidger Case

The story you are about to read is true. Only the names have been omitted for no particular reason at all.



## LETTERS (cont'd)

some teams to play against, though Virginia is a bit far out. If in Michigan, I'd probably team up with Perlo and form one, and if in Philly, I'd play with Sunshine, while if in Boston, I'm a Somervillain. The possibilities for speculation are almost endless. Certainly, if

I end up with some other already existing team it'll change a lot of things. Ferd vs. me is the oldest rivalry in NATWA; how strange it'd be playing with him; or with Sunshine. Well, it's all speculation; I hope I find out soon enough.

Severin Drix

Little Jack Horner  
Sat in his corner  
Squidging off.

Dear Editor:

I want it made clear that I had nothing to do with the production of the last issue.

Mitchell Wand

At the Pairs Tournament, upon being asked why he wore two different-colored socks, Ferd replied, "To keep my feet warm."



# dear rosie,

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Dear Rosie.

I have a problem and can  
you help me. Please? I am a  
perfect good wink but nobody  
wants to play with me because  
I am a different color than all the  
other winks. I squop well and  
my mother who is also a wink  
says I have a good shap.



What should I do before  
I grow old and warped?  
Thnx you

Dear Rosie,

First let me tell  
you how much I like  
your column; it's al-  
ways been good knowing  
someone like you is out  
there. And now, in my  
moment of great anguish,  
I hope you can help me.

I am a small, red  
wink and I've been sub-  
jected to excessive  
**squopping** and senseless  
squidging for several  
years now. The only joy  
in my life throughout  
all this has been a  
lovely, shiny, yellow  
wink who started each  
game far away in the  
opposite corner, but  
before long we'd manage  
to meet, be it in the  
midst of some monstrous  
pile or off alone, away  
from all the action,  
where nobody would bo-  
ther us. And oh! the  
bliss in the pot!

But now no more!  
Alas, after the recent  
match in Ithaca, every-  
one plays a silly color  
order that always pits  
red and yellow against  
each other. We are  
purposefully kept apart  
and when we do meet it's  
hard not to feel a ven-  
geance toward a wink  
that's trying to squop  
you, to restrict your  
freedom.

Your Silly Rules  
Are Spoiling The Second  
Most Beautiful Tiddly-  
winks Romance Ever.

Please use your  
influence to help stop  
these atrocities.

Dear Red, What was the  
MOST beautiful romance?  
Moishe and Diane?

Dear Miss X,

Don't lose hope! Andy, for one,  
says he wants to play with you. And I have  
a notion that Phil Villar feels the same way.



## \* NEW SCORING SYSTEM \*

According to the proposed new scoring system (as mentioned in the editorial), scores consist of the total for one pair vs. the total for the other pair, allowing three points for each wink in the pot and one for each wink left uncovered on the mat. The game ends when one player has potted out or after time has expired, if none of the players has potted out. Theoretically, the object of the game in this form is that a pair pot eleven of its winks while allowing the opposing pair the least possible opportunity to pot.

The Ottawa team approached the new concept with optimism; however, when subjected to experimentation, the system proved unsatisfactory for practical application.

It is true that this method shifts the emphasis of Winks back to potting but, as a result, it drastically reduces the variety of strategies that may be employed. This makes the game far less complex and, indeed, likens it more than ever before to its nursery counterpart.

We propose that if any changes are to be made in the game itself, they should be such that the calibre (i.e., sophistication) of Winks should be heightened rather than lowered.

The EDITORS

# ask andy

Dear Andy,

In freeing my opponent's wink at the end of free turns, it submarined under a very critical pile, of which I had control. Should that particular wink be moved aside, i.e. in such a position that it is now on top of that pile, or should it be placed beside that pile at the point of entry, thus putting it in a position of great strategic importance, or should another wink on the mat be freed in the usual manner, or can I choose any other wink on the mat to be moved aside?

Captain Nemo

Dear Nemo,

I dunno.

## Quiz

1. What was the FIRST most beautiful Tiddlywinks romance?
2. What does Don Quixote's horse have to do with Tiddlywinks?
3. Who considers himself the Superorganiser and Ace No. 2 beaurocrat in NATWA? And where the hell is he?
4. Does Severin Drix look more like his father or his mother?
5. Will Moishe ever find Diane?
6. Why can we assume that Charlie Brown's mother owns a laundromat?
7. What Winker in a recent Letter to the Editor established a record for the most frequent use of the word "I" ?
8. What does the "C" stand for in HYTHNLBTWOC ?
9. Where is the one (we hope) misprint in NEWSWINK?
10. Who is Snots ?

Send answers to Rosie Wain. First entry with all 10 correct will be named Yvonne F. Lukey of the year.